



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude

Voluntary

Cross

Welcome & Service of Friendship

Pastor Darryl Evans

Choral Call

*Teach Us the Wisdom of God*Marty Haugen
arr. by Joel Raney

*Call to Worship - Week 2 - Humility

During Lent, we reflect on the meaning of humility.

The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.

Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less.

The Son of Man came not to gain, but to give up all he had.

Humility is forsaking selfish ambition, and seeking unity with others.

The Son of Man came not to be loved, but to love.

Humility is trusting that God will meet our needs if we seek his righteousness.

The Son of Man became poor so that we could become rich.

Merciful God, we confess that our constant striving for approval leaves us empty and unfulfilled. We ask that you humble our hearts and replenish us with gifts of the Spirit. Help us serve as Jesus served and love as Jesus loved. Deliver us from pride, ambition and jealousy, and fill us with mercy, willing to serve one another in humility and love. Amen.

Teach Us the Wisdom of God

Words and Music by
MARTY HAUGEN

Congregation:

The musical score is written on four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Psalm 121**

A Psalm of Blessing

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I lift my eyes unto the hills,
from where shall come my help at
last? What'er the need, God will
provide, the Lord, by whom the world
was cast.

Each day God is a strength and
shield against the onslaught of my
foes; And to the dangers of the night,
The eyes of God are never closed.

The promise of the Lord
is sure: To hold me in
unyielding care;
Throughout my life, may faith
confirm that where I am, the
Lord is there.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

10 Cents a Meal

Sharon Stricker

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

(Four year olds through 2nd graders may now be excused to Children's Church. An adult will now escort the children to the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3rd floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

Anthem

I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills
Alleluia Ringers

Moklebust

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Place of Testing

Darryl Evans

“And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’”

--Exodus 17:7

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – from Psalm 78

They remembered that God was their Rock,
that God Most High was their Redeemer.
But then they would flatter him with their mouths,
lying to him with their tongues;
their hearts were not loyal to him,
they were not faithful to his covenant.

Yet he was merciful;
he forgave their iniquities
and did not destroy them.

Time after time he restrained his anger
and did not stir up his full wrath.

How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness
and grieved him in the wasteland!

Again and again they put God to the test;
they vexed the Holy One of Israel.

They did not remember his power—
the day he redeemed them from the oppressor,
the day he displayed his signs in Egypt,
his wonders in the region of Zoan.

Offering & Offertory

Wondrous Love

from “the Sacred Harp” 1844

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Commitment No. 859

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

*Benediction

Postlude

Bourree

Handel

*All who are able please stand.

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To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning. We hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. You are warmly invited to stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. If you have a prayer request, please see Darryl or call us at 704-938-4623.

Children's Activity Bags are available for children age 3 to Grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. An usher would be happy to bring you one.

Children's Church is available for children, 4 years to 2nd Grade. After the "A Word with Our Children," they will be escorted to the Children's Church. After worship, parents may pick up children in the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3rd floor of the education building.

Upcoming

Wednesday Night Life continues this week. This week's meal will be catered by Stag & Doe with lasagna and salad. Cost is \$5 per person over five years of age, under five are free, \$20 maximum for a family. So we can get an accurate count, please indicate on the pew pads how many in your family will be coming on Wednesday night and circle it. See this week's schedule for more details.

Youth in grades 4th-8th are invited to a series of Youth Leadership Workshops hosted by Tracy Caskey this winter. Topics to be covered will include speech, debate, money management and more. These will be held at the church from 6:00-7:30pm on March 7 and March 21.

Saltshakers will begin meeting on Monday nights at 6:00pm instead of 6:30pm.

The JOY Group will meet for lunch on Friday, March 2 at noon at Johnny's Farm House on Copperfield Road in Concord. A sign up sheet is located outside the parlor.

Youth in 4th grade and up mark your calendars for the 2018 Progressive Dinner on Saturday, March 10th. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm to carpool to our hosts' homes for three different courses. If you are interested in attending or in opening your home as a host for the appetizer/salad course please see Tracy Caskey. Thank you to those hosting our main course and dessert!

Time is approaching for our officer elections. Members of the congregation are invited to submit names of persons to be considered for elders to serve in our next class. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the form below and place in offering plate.

I wish to nominate the person/persons below for the office of elder:

Tear off and place in offering plate

The Circle of Women will meet on Monday, March 12 at 2:00 pm at Editions Book Store/Coffee Shop.

The Last Supper presentation will be on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 8:00 pm. Invite your friends!

Men's fellowship breakfast: Any men interested in re-forming a First Presbyterian men's fellowship group, please join us for a planning breakfast on Saturday March 3, 2018 at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall. Bring your ideas so we can discuss a purpose and vision for our group in our church and our community. Please RSVP by Sunday February 25th by placing the form below in the offering plate or returning to the church office. Any questions please contact Ryan Walker (704) 223-5255.

Name: _____

Yes I will be attending.

No I cannot attend but I am interested in participating in men's fellowship activities

On Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m., The Chancel Choir, instrumentalists and soloists will present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore Dubois. The seven last words of Christ or seven sayings of Jesus on the cross are a traditional collection of short phrases uttered by Jesus at His crucifixion immediately before He died, gathered from the four Gospels. The drama and urgency in the musical score have a sweeping sound that takes us into the middle of Christ's passion. Please tell friends and family, and consider inviting someone new to church for this special service.

If you would like to contribute flowers for worship, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56. Or, if you like to purchase something permanent that can be rotated during the weeks we don't have a live arrangement, please contact Jill McLain.

Prayer Concerns

New Prayer requests will be placed in the bulletin for two weeks. Please help us keep **Prayer Concerns** current with weekly updates.

MEMBERS

The Hammond Family - on the death of their grandson, Jacob, last Sunday.

Sharon Cranford - radiation treatment success - Feb. 28 complete.

Lynn Efird - health concerns.

Special Church Member of the Week

Iris Efird

407 Iris Ave.

Kannapolis, NC 28083-3940

Send a card, make a visit or a call, or offer a prayer. All to say "God loves you and the church cares about you."



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The Session

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans, Moderator
Wren Philpot, Clerk of Session

Class of 2018

Danny Bost
Peggy Gibson
Mark Goodnight
Sam McAllister

Class of 2019

Garrett Brady
Mike Freeman
Allison Hammett
Carol Lowder

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans
Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Tracy and Adam Caskey
Youth Directors

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

Ellen Little - multiple family health issues; salvation of friends.

Jennifer Williams - upcoming surgery on March 5.

Connie Rary - one-year report; still fighting cancer.

Debby Baker - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

Emily Griggs - missionary in Morocco

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Heather Egger - cousin of Sharon Stricker, who is recovering from cancer surgery.

Lynn Gilmore - Cancer, please pray for comfort and peace.

Alex - Joyce Deal's grandson: Serious skiing accident with 8-10 week recovery.

Landra Goodnight Staab – daughter of Steve & Judy Goodnight: Beginning cancer treatments.

William Staab - two broken wrists.

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister: Suffering with MS.

Mark McDaniel - brother of Mal McDaniel: Making good progress fighting lymphoma.

Don Hamilton - husband of Cookie Hamilton: (On permanent nightly dialysis at home).

Arthur Fu - brother of Jessica Bell: Fighting cancer.

Sue Edwards - friend of Mike Freeman: Fighting brain cancer.

Tink Wade - friend of Jill McLain: Breast cancer - good pathology report.

Teresa Alexander - friend of Renee Goodnight: Diagnosed with brain tumors.

Dave Viscount - friend of Mark Goodnight: Suffering with ALS.

Christ the Word - church plant in Rolesville, NC with Patrick Cherry.

Servants

Greeters: Mark Goodnight & Allison Hammett

Elder Lock-Up: Peggy Gibson

Videographer: Michael Martens

Children's Message: Sharon Stricker

Children's Message Next Week: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church Leader: Amelia Goodnight

Children's Church Leader next week: Laura McLain

Nursery: Jenna Baker

Nursery next week: Erin Burris

Acolytes: Abigail Malinovsky & Caroline Smith

Acolytes next week: Luke Burris & Ella Sechler

Ushers: Danny Bost, Mel Eaton, Todd Pless & Tony Rary

Ushers next week: Mark Goodnight, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel & Tony Sherrill

This Week

TODAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** – Parlor

All are welcome

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -

New Connection Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. - **New Covenant Partners
Class (Fellowship Hall)**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

3:00 p.m. - **Elder Nominating
Committee Meeting**

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. - **Saltshakers Bible Study**

8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

6:00 p.m. - **Missions Team**

WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**

6:30 p.m. - **Children's Classes**

6:30 p.m. - **Adult Class (Hebrews)**

6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. - **Alleluia Ringers**

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Women's Bible Study**

12:00 p.m. - **NA**

6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**

8:00 p.m. - **AA**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** - Parlor

All are welcome

9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -

Disciples Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. - **New Covenant Partners
Class (Fellowship Hall)**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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